

## N E W S R E L E A S E

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### California's Payroll Employment Up 21,000 Jobs

**SACRAMENTO** – According to the state Employment Development Department's (EDD) survey of employers, nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 21,000 jobs over the month, for a total of 15,273,700.

California's unemployment rate was 5.5 percent in August, up from 5.3 percent in July, EDD reported today. A year ago, in August 2006, California's unemployment rate was 4.9 percent.

According to the separate survey of households, the number of Californians holding jobs in August was 17,218,000. This was a decrease of 20,000 from July, but up 190,000 from the employment total in August of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 996,000 – an increase of 36,000 over the month, and up by 126,000 compared with August of last year.

Of the unemployed, 388,100 were laid off, 123,200 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 352,725 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the August survey week. This compares with 363,077 last month and 317,462 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 39,651 in August 2007, compared with 41,236 in July and 36,335 in August of last year.

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## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 15,273,700 in August, a net gain of 21,000 jobs since the July survey. This followed a loss of 14,000 jobs (as revised) in July.

Seven of the categories (**trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 34,100 jobs. Government showed the largest gain, up by 12,100 jobs. Three categories (**construction; manufacturing and financial activities**) reported job declines this month, down 13,100 jobs. Construction posted the largest decline over the month, down by 6,600 jobs. One category, **natural resources and mining**, had no change over the month.

In a year-over-year comparison (August 2006 to August 2007), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 163,300 jobs (up 1.1 percent).

Six industry divisions (**trade, transportation and utilities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 205,500 jobs. On a numerical basis, government showed the strongest employment growth, adding 51,600 jobs (a 2.1 percent increase). On a percentage of growth basis, educational and health services showed the strongest gain, up 3.0 percent (adding 49,600 jobs).

Four categories (**construction; manufacturing; information; and financial activities**) posted job declines over the year, down 42,200 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 24,300 jobs (a decline of 2.6 percent). One category, **natural resources and mining**, had no change over the year.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (**NOT** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **professional and business services** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 8,600 jobs. The gains were mainly in the administrative and support and waste services sector (up 5,600 jobs) and the professional, scientific and technical services sector (up 3,600 jobs). **Government** recorded the largest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 12,000 jobs. The losses were concentrated in local and state government education, which declined by 9,100 and 2,800 jobs, respectively.

The **educational and health services** industries reported the largest gain over the year, up 49,900 jobs. The gains were mainly in the health care and social assistance sector, which was up by 41,200 jobs. The largest decrease over the year was in **construction**, which was down by 23,300 jobs. The losses were mostly in the specialty trade contractors and construction of buildings sectors, which declined by 11,200 and 8,700 jobs, respectively.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**  
(Amounts in thousands)

| Industrial Classification                         | August 2007<br>(prelim.) | July 2007<br>(revised) | August 2006 | Change Over<br>12 months<br>(Percent) |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . . | 15,273.7                 | 15,252.7               | 15,110.4    | 1.1                                   |
| Natural resources and mining . . . . .            | 25.3                     | 25.3                   | 25.3        | 0.0                                   |
| Construction . . . . .                            | 918.4                    | 925.0                  | 942.7       | -2.6                                  |
| Manufacturing . . . . .                           | 1,495.0                  | 1,499.0                | 1,498.7     | -0.2                                  |
| Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .     | 2,902.6                  | 2,898.6                | 2,884.4     | 0.6                                   |
| Information . . . . .                             | 468.5                    | 465.5                  | 475.8       | -1.5                                  |
| Financial activities . . . . .                    | 931.8                    | 934.3                  | 938.7       | -0.7                                  |
| Professional and business services . . . . .      | 2,269.6                  | 2,266.9                | 2,234.4     | 1.6                                   |
| Educational and health services . . . . .         | 1,676.5                  | 1,667.4                | 1,626.9     | 3.0                                   |
| Leisure and hospitality . . . . .                 | 1,564.9                  | 1,562.5                | 1,522.3     | 2.8                                   |
| Other services . . . . .                          | 516.2                    | 515.4                  | 507.9       | 1.6                                   |
| Government* . . . . .                             | 2,504.9                  | 2,492.8                | 2,453.3     | 2.1                                   |
| Agriculture . . . . .                             | 361.0                    | 363.6                  | 378.1       | -4.5                                  |

\*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

|   | August 2007 | July 2007  | June 2007  | August 2006 |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . . | 18,214,000  | 18,198,000 | 18,180,000 | 17,898,000  |
| Total civilian employment . . . . .         | 17,218,000  | 17,238,000 | 17,238,000 | 17,028,000  |
| Unemployment . . . . .                      | 996,000     | 960,000    | 942,000    | 870,000     |
| Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .        | 5.5         | 5.3        | 5.2        | 4.9         |
| US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .     | 4.6         | 4.6        | 4.5        | 4.7         |

**TABLE B**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

|   | August 2007 | July 2007  | June 2007  | August 2006 |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . . | 18,331,000  | 18,344,000 | 18,216,000 | 17,987,000  |
| Total civilian employment . . . . .         | 17,337,000  | 17,329,000 | 17,268,000 | 17,104,000  |
| Unemployment . . . . .                      | 994,000     | 1,015,000  | 948,000    | 883,000     |
| Unadjusted rate % . . . . .                 | 5.4         | 5.5        | 5.2        | 4.9         |

<sup>a</sup>Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES**  
**August 2007; 2006 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

| COUNTY             | LABOR FORCE       | EMPLOYMENT        | UNEMPLOYMENT   | RATE        |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>STATE TOTAL</b> | <b>18,330,900</b> | <b>17,337,000</b> | <b>993,900</b> | <b>5.4%</b> |
| ALAMEDA            | 757,800           | 719,800           | 38,000         | 5.0%        |
| ALPINE             | 470               | 420               | 50             | 10.9%       |
| AMADOR             | 18,050            | 16,980            | 1,070          | 5.9%        |
| BUTTE              | 104,800           | 98,100            | 6,700          | 6.4%        |
| CALAVERAS          | 21,800            | 20,430            | 1,370          | 6.3%        |
| COLUSA             | 9,540             | 8,710             | 830            | 8.7%        |
| CONTRA COSTA       | 527,300           | 501,200           | 26,100         | 4.9%        |
| DEL NORTE          | 11,280            | 10,430            | 850            | 7.5%        |
| EL DORADO          | 95,400            | 90,600            | 4,800          | 5.0%        |
| FRESNO             | 429,100           | 396,500           | 32,600         | 7.6%        |
| GLENN              | 12,060            | 11,060            | 1,000          | 8.3%        |
| HUMBOLDT           | 61,000            | 57,500            | 3,500          | 5.8%        |
| IMPERIAL           | 69,600            | 55,200            | 14,400         | 20.7%       |
| INYO               | 9,130             | 8,680             | 450            | 4.9%        |
| KERN               | 352,100           | 325,500           | 26,600         | 7.6%        |
| KINGS              | 59,100            | 54,700            | 4,400          | 7.4%        |
| LAKE               | 27,790            | 25,820            | 1,970          | 7.1%        |
| LASSEN             | 12,990            | 12,090            | 900            | 6.9%        |
| LOS ANGELES        | 5,001,000         | 4,742,900         | 258,100        | 5.2%        |
| MADERA             | 67,300            | 62,900            | 4,400          | 6.5%        |
| MARIN              | 135,300           | 130,000           | 5,300          | 3.9%        |
| MARIPOSA           | 10,180            | 9,690             | 490            | 4.8%        |
| MENDOCINO          | 44,020            | 41,750            | 2,270          | 5.2%        |
| MERCED             | 103,100           | 94,100            | 9,000          | 8.7%        |
| MODOC              | 4,150             | 3,860             | 290            | 7.0%        |
| MONO               | 8,220             | 7,840             | 380            | 4.6%        |
| MONTEREY           | 209,600           | 198,100           | 11,500         | 5.5%        |
| NAPA               | 74,900            | 71,800            | 3,100          | 4.1%        |
| NEVADA             | 51,380            | 48,870            | 2,510          | 4.9%        |
| ORANGE             | 1,637,300         | 1,569,200         | 68,100         | 4.2%        |
| PLACER             | 172,800           | 164,200           | 8,600          | 5.0%        |
| PLUMAS             | 11,270            | 10,570            | 700            | 6.2%        |
| RIVERSIDE          | 922,500           | 862,600           | 59,900         | 6.5%        |
| SACRAMENTO         | 699,000           | 659,900           | 39,100         | 5.6%        |
| SAN BENITO         | 25,100            | 23,700            | 1,400          | 5.5%        |
| SAN BERNARDINO     | 914,600           | 862,900           | 51,700         | 5.7%        |
| SAN DIEGO          | 1,538,400         | 1,464,600         | 73,800         | 4.8%        |
| SAN FRANCISCO      | 431,600           | 411,600           | 20,000         | 4.6%        |
| SAN JOAQUIN        | 293,600           | 270,400           | 23,200         | 7.9%        |
| SAN LUIS OBISPO    | 133,700           | 127,500           | 6,200          | 4.6%        |
| SAN MATEO          | 376,700           | 361,500           | 15,200         | 4.0%        |
| SANTA BARBARA      | 215,900           | 206,600           | 9,300          | 4.3%        |
| SANTA CLARA        | 854,800           | 812,200           | 42,600         | 5.0%        |
| SANTA CRUZ         | 147,700           | 140,400           | 7,300          | 4.9%        |
| SHASTA             | 85,500            | 79,500            | 6,000          | 7.0%        |
| SIERRA             | 1,700             | 1,600             | 100            | 5.7%        |
| SISKIYOU           | 19,840            | 18,400            | 1,440          | 7.3%        |
| SOLANO             | 217,900           | 206,100           | 11,800         | 5.4%        |
| SONOMA             | 263,300           | 251,200           | 12,100         | 4.6%        |
| STANISLAUS         | 234,300           | 215,200           | 19,100         | 8.1%        |
| SUTTER             | 42,100            | 38,900            | 3,200          | 7.7%        |
| TEHAMA             | 25,500            | 23,680            | 1,820          | 7.1%        |
| TRINITY            | 5,300             | 4,840             | 460            | 8.6%        |
| TULARE             | 194,500           | 178,300           | 16,200         | 8.3%        |
| TUOLUMNE           | 26,560            | 24,950            | 1,610          | 6.1%        |
| VENTURA            | 427,300           | 404,400           | 22,900         | 5.4%        |
| YOLO               | 96,100            | 91,200            | 4,900          | 5.1%        |
| YUBA               | 27,700            | 25,200            | 2,500          | 8.9%        |